

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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ERIC COLE (-16)



Q. So can you just talk about your round today?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, it was an interesting day. I started off really well, was swinging well, then just kind of went the wrong direction there on the back nine. Made a couple like mental mistakes and not nearly as many good shots as I had starting the day, so it was frustrating. But that's golf, I guess.

Q. What were you thinking about on the course today, chasing down the lead or just --

ERIC COLE: Yeah, when you get off to a start like that, I just wanted to keep it going and keep making good swings. Yeah, I was trying to do that and just couldn't really get it to happen.

Q. You've had a lot of success at this course in this event. What would winning tomorrow mean to you?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, it would be awesome. Winning any PGA TOUR event is a huge dream and goal of mine. Like you said, I've played well here in the past. As frustrating as my finish was today, I'm not -- probably won't be too far off the lead and hopefully have the same start as I did tomorrow and finish it off a little different.

Q. Have you played all the fall events?

ERIC COLE: No. I missed -- I know I didn't play Utah. That might be the only one so most of them though.

Q. OK. What was your motivation in playing most of them?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I just like to play, I like to compete. It took me a long time to get on the PGA TOUR, so I really just value any chance I have to play in an event. Yeah, and it's also a way to try and get better and see where your game's at.

Q. Are you thinking about the Next 10 that would give you Signature starts next year at all?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I mean, that's more of a by-product of playing well. Everyone knows that those Signature Events are where you want to be. In my case, if you're outside the top-50, then those Next 10 are where you are trying to end up at the end of the year.

Q. You mentioned mental mistakes. Can you give us an example of one or two? What's a Tour pro consider a mental mistake?

ERIC COLE: Well, I got the wind wrong a couple times. I think if I would have just paid more attention to it, I could have done better with that.

Then my shot on 7, I hit it -- I hit a great shot under the tree and kind of probably rolled right past the hole, but you just can't go long there. So I could have I guess either hit it softer, or I hit a 5-wood, I could have hit a 4-iron.

Then probably should have hit driver off 10 instead of 3-wood. Yeah, just little stuff like that. And then you compound that with a few bad swings in there and it's not the finish I wanted.

Q. How annoying is it when you can't blame somebody else for a mistake?

ERIC COLE: Say that again?

Q. How annoying is it when you can't blame somebody else for a mistake?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, no, I think that's what makes golf great is when you do well, you know, it's you that did it, and then when you do bad, you have nobody to blame but yourself. While it is frustrating, it's what makes golf so great.

Q. Erik, for the early stretch, any long putts or were you hitting it close?

ERIC COLE: I made a long putt on the par-3, 6. But other than that, other than that, I hit it pretty much perfect every shot. I hit one over the green on 2, I guess, but I thought I hit that one really well. Yeah, it was like a dream start ball-striking and putting.

Q. How much trickier was the wind today? Obviously there was no wind really the first couple of days, but how difficult was it to decipher things on the --

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I wouldn't say it was overly tough. It can be windy here so it wasn't that abnormal, but we did get perfect conditions the first two days so definitely added a variable. Yeah, it wasn't anything too crazy. I played Bermuda last week so it was a calm day there.

Q. Nobody ran away with this thing. You're going to be four shots back. That's extremely doable out here, isn't it?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I hope so. Just going to try not to get too upset with my finish today and hit some balls and be ready to go tomorrow.